



MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April 10, 2005

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CELEBRATION SUNDAY – APRIL 17TH

Creede Hinshaw, Senior Pastor

CELEBRATION SUNDAY: Plans are shaping up for Celebration Sunday...April 17th. We will be consecrating our building to the glory of God on this special day as the conclusion to our renovation project. Here are the highlights of the day:

ONE WORSHIP SERVICE: We'll have one grand and inspiring worship service in our renovated sanctuary at 11:00 a.m.

SPECIAL GUESTS: Bishop B. Michael Watson, Bishop of the South Georgia Area, will be our preacher for the morning. District Superintendent Cindy Autry will participate in the service, as will other church members, including Russ Barber, chair of the Building Committee. Representatives from our architectural and contracting firms will be present. Pastors and other special guests from across the Macon District and beyond have been invited.

ORGAN CONCERT: At 3:00 p.m. we will return for a concert by Cam Bishop on our newly renovated organ. Nobody can play the organ like Cam...you won't want to miss it.

OPEN HOUSE: At 4:00 p.m. we'll have an Open House of our entire 80,000 square foot facility. Most of us see only a small portion of the entire church. You will now have a chance to see the work done in every single corner of the church.

PUBLICITY: Look for a big banner on the corner of Mulberry and First Street publicizing our event...also we hope there will be a major piece in the Macon Telegraph the day before the event. The best publicity, of course, is your own conversation about this event with church members, friends and neighbors.

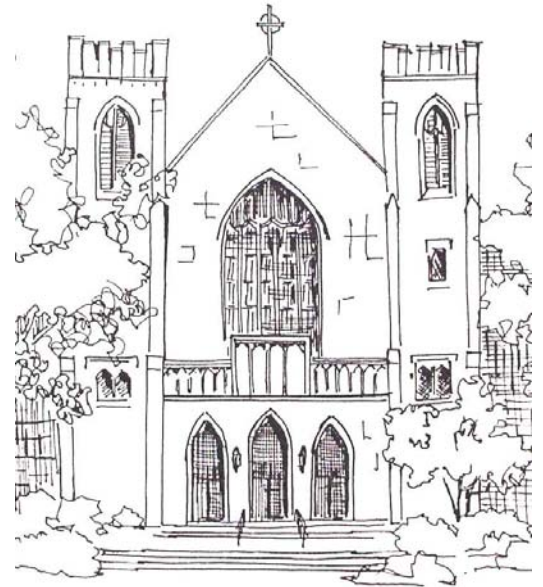
SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS: The Celebration Committee is encouraging every Sunday School Class to plan a class photo for April 17th. From the youngest nursery class to our longest established classes, we would love to have a snapshot of our Sunday School. If you need help finding a photographer, call Billy Walker or the Church Office.

REFRESHMENTS FOR OPEN HOUSE: Yes, we need cookies! We expect to have many visitors from the community on the afternoon of the Open House. If you can bake some cookies, call Carol Pope or the Church Office.

CLASSROOMS DECORATED AND PREPARED: We expect all classrooms to be prepared for open house. Hang your artwork; set things in order. This is a great opportunity for "spring cleaning."

OFFER TO GIVE A RIDE: Some of our older members now have trouble getting to church. Can you offer to give somebody a ride? The church is completely handicap-accessible. It would bring such joy to some of these long time church members to see the church they have loved on this day.

DON'T MISS THIS HISTORIC DAY!! Whether you are a first-time visitor or a long time member, you will long remember this day. God has led us faithfully to this point in our history. We want to offer thanks to God on this day with joy and thanksgiving. I hope that every pew will be full!



Creede

WORSHIP SERVICES

April 10, 2005

Nine O'clock - Chapel

Eleven O'clock - Sanctuary

Creede Hinshaw, preaching

"Open Book; Broken Bread"

Luke 24: 13-35

Assisting With Worship

Ushers for Nine O'clock

Tim Anderson, Bill Ham

Ushers for Eleven O'clock

Frank Avrett, Gary Dunn, Keith Fackler, Ben Hoover, Scott Huggins, Shellie Inzer, Gardner Long, James Palmer, Jodi Palmer, Don Ream, Vaughan Smith, Bill Sparks, David Stanley, Lee Stevens, P.M. Watson

Sunday School Greeters – Becomers

Class

Lay Visitor – Louise Watson

Attendance Last Sunday

Nine O'clock Worship	78
Eleven O'clock Worship	285
Total Worship Attendance	363
Sunday School	286



Susan Middlebrooks, Altar Guild

The flowers in the chapel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ken's mother, Mrs. Robbie Lindler Harper, by Ken and Jackie Harper.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of the J.V. ("Buncie") and Mary Miller Skinner Family.

Young at Heart Luncheon

Thursday, April 14th - 12:30 p.m.

Bring a friend and join us for lunch. Gary Claxton "The Mouth of the South" will be presenting a program that is sure to inspire us with stories that will make us laugh and will encourage us through his real life experiences. Cost will be \$4.00 and can be paid as you go through the line. Reservations must be made by calling the church office by noon, Monday, April 11th.



Prayer Room

The prayer room is available for use during the week from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. You are invited to come and pray or meditate in this quiet room, free from distractions.

Taizé Worship Service

Monday, April 11, 2005

7:00 p.m.

St. Francis Episcopal Church



Sunday, April 17th

Celebration Sunday!!

• **Building Consecration**

• **Organ Concert**

• **Open House**

Annual Conference

June 5-8 - Macon Centreplex

Update on Celebration

Sunday, April 17th

. . . If you are willing to bake for the afternoon reception, please call Carol Pope, 475-4596. As there is a set menu, you will be given a recipe to follow. If you have an "army/navy" table cloth that can be borrowed, please call Beth Smith at the church.

. . . If you know of any former members of Mulberry, or other interested persons, who would like to be invited to our celebration Sunday on April 17th, please send their addresses to the church office.

Calling All Photographers

April 17th will be an exciting and historical event in the life of Mulberry. The Celebration Sunday Committee is looking for church members willing to help commemorate that day by taking group Sunday School Class photos. We are looking for 5 to 6 individuals who would be willing to make themselves available to the Sunday School classes of our church to make a class photo of the attendees on that historic day. Please contact Billy Walker by phone 744-0708 or e-mail at bwalker79@cox.net if you would like more information about this opportunity to serve our church family on this exciting day.



To Don and Kathy Moore upon the death of her father, John S. Moore of Monroe, AL, on March 25, 2005.



*Cam Bishop,
Director of Music*

Young Spirit Girls

Meet at 10:15 in the sanctuary this Sunday to practice.

We sing in the 11:00 service.

Wear pink!

Covenant Choir

Final rehearsals for Oh, Jonah!

Sunday, April 10

immediately following church.

Dress Rehearsal Tuesday,

April 12 at 6:30

The Covenant Choir

under the direction of Chris Hendley presents

Oh, Jonah!

Wednesday, April 13

6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary

These choristers have been working long hours on this musical so let's pack the house for them on Wednesday! Kids of every age will love this!!

Celebration Day Organ Concert

April 17 at 3:00 p.m.

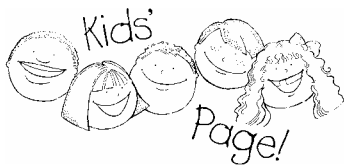
Cam Bishop, Organist

Drums and Cymbals
Cuckoos and Clocks
Bach and the Blues
Mother Goose and the
Star Spangled Banner

What do all these things have in common? It's some of the music that you'll hear in the organ concert as we demonstrate the various sounds of Mulberry's magnificent Moeller! It's a 45 minute program that will appeal to everyone. Plan to come and bring a friend or two.



Congratulations to Clare Golson and Wesley Rauls united in holy matrimony at Mulberry Street United Methodist Church on April 2nd. The Rev. Creede Hinshaw officiated.



Jessica Tripp
Director of Children & Family Ministries



The Confirmation Class will be journeying to South Georgia, April 22-24 to help in the restoration effort of a church camp in Douglas. Please be in prayer for them as they grow in discipleship.

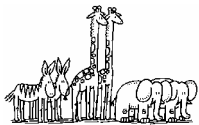


Jerusalem Marketplace
June 6-10, 2005

Journey back in time at this year's V.B.S. Experience the hustle and bustle of a Jerusalem marketplace and surrounding village. Hear townsfolk talk of a man named Jesus and the miracles that he is doing throughout the city. Taste traditional foods of Jesus' time, and enjoy visiting the different marketplace shops, synagogue school and village playground. This will be a great experience for all of our children 2K through 5th grade. But of course, we can't do it without faithful volunteers. We need lots of help. Positions are available in many different areas. We need shopkeepers, tribe leaders and helpers, village playground coordinators, a synagogue school leader, and many other assistants. Please call Jessica Tripp at 745-8601 for more information, or sign-up at the display table in the Atrium.

VBS Supplies Needed

Here are some items that we need: throw rugs, artificial plants, old costume jewelry, cloth, sheets, dining canopies, pottery, terra cotta pots, shawls, scarves, dried flowers, beads, candles, candle holders, baskets, left over party favors (for children), and happy meal toys that are still wrapped. If you have any of these items that you would like to donate or just lend us, please drop them off in the 6th grade Sunday School room on the 2nd floor. If you are lending us an item, please label it on the bottom with a piece of tape and your name. Thank you.



**Zoo Atlanta
Campout**

3rd - 5th graders are invited to join us for an exciting, nocturnal adventure. On Saturday, June 11th we will spend the night at Zoo Atlanta and enjoy lots of night time, behind the scenes, zoo fun. Cost: \$60 per person. Register now! Call Jessica Tripp, 745-8601.

**Youth
Schedule**

Jimmy Towson,
Director of Youth



**Senior High Bible Study
Monday Nights – 7:00 p.m.**

**UMYF - Sundays Nights
6:00–8:00 P.M.**

**Youth Bible Study
Wednesday Nights – 6:30 p.m.**

**Mulberry Youth Present:
"How Madame Lurch
Stole the Church"**

**Wednesday Night Supper
April 20 - 6:30 p.m.**

A comedy in the style of Dr. Seuss. The evil Lurch is stealing the church – What can we do?

Starring: Julie Allen, Helen Cox, Chase Crowell, Ciera Crowell, Georgia Emert, Katie Powell, John Richter, Cater Thompson & Callie Watson



**Senior Recognition & Luncheon
Sunday, May 8**

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Senior Recognition will be different this year. Instead of a Wednesday Night Supper program, we will recognize our graduating seniors during the 11:00 worship service and will host a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the service in their honor. Everyone is invited to join us for Worship and the Luncheon on this special day for our seniors. **Please call the church office (745-8601) to make reservations for the luncheon by Monday, May 2nd.**



**Night of Fire
May 13th**

The Youth have planned a "Night of Fire" to be held in the Fellowship Hall on Friday, May 13th, 2005. Each youth will invite 5 people who are either unchurched or not actively involved in a church to join us for fun, food (hamburgers & milkshakes), music, worship and a special guest speaker. It is our hope that the Spirit of God will fall like "fire" upon us that evening (don't worry – there will be no earthly fire in the Fellowship Hall.) Please start now to pray for this evening. We need ADULT volunteers to help cook, serve and assist the youth (similar to our "Drive-In Movie Night"). Please contact Jimmy if you can help. We pray that over 100 youth will experience the "Fire" here at Mulberry on Friday the 13th.

UMYF
Snack
Supper



April 10
Carl & Kim Reynolds

April 17
Steve & Rozelle
Rumford



**April 13
5:45 p.m.**

Menu

Roast Beef
Rice & Gravy
Green Beans
Sliced Tomatoes
Rolls
Boston Cream Pie
Tea Coffee

Also available for children:
peanut butter and jelly sandwiches.

Program

Oh, Jonah!

**Presented
by
Covenant
Choir**



Thank you to everyone who helped make the Easter Egg Hunt a huge success. We couldn't have done it without the loving support of all those folks who came out early to help set up, stayed late to clean up and provided fun activities in between. What a wonderful day!

**Celebration Day
The Methodist Home for
Children and Youth
Saturday, April 16th
10:00 – 2:30**

- ✿ Bake Sale ✿ Live & Silent Auction
- ✿ Children's Carnival ✿ Arts & Crafts
- ✿ Entertainment ✿ Meals

Hosted by The Methodist Home Auxiliary

**Community Passover Seder
Temple Beth Israel
Thursday, April 28th – 6:00 p.m.**
Services Conducted by:
Rabbi Laurence Schleinger
Cost is \$20.00. Call to make a reservation (745-6727) by Wednesday, April 20th.

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Our 11 a.m. service is broadcast live
 over Radio Station AM 940 WMAC

Pastor on Call

Weekend: April 9 & 10

Jimmy Towson

Custodian on Duty

Sunday, April 10

Arnold Freeman

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, April 10

- 9:00 a.m. Worship/Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Children/Youth attend "Higher Dimensions" in the Children's Assembly Room
- 9:45 a.m. Baptismal Class/Parlor
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship/Sanctuary
- 12:30 p.m. Covenant Choir Rehearsal
- 4:30 p.m. Confirmation Class
- 5:00 p.m. Young Spirit Singers
- 6:00 p.m. Elementary Handbells
- 6:00 p.m. Jesus in the Gospels Sty/2nd Floor, Children's Assembly Rm
- 6:00 p.m. Disciple II/Conf Rm
- 6:00 p.m. UMYF
- 6:30 p.m. Handbells

Monday, April 11

- 7:00 p.m. Senior High Bible Study

Tuesday, April 12

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Sermon Starter Group
- 8:30 a.m. Prayers of the People
- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 10:30 a.m. Dorcas Circle
- 6:30 p.m. Covenant Choir Dress Rehearsal

Wednesday, April 13

- 4:00 p.m. Paula Motes Circle/Conf Rm
- 5:45 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper
- 6:30 p.m. Covenant Choir Spring Musical "Oh, Jonah!"
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Bible Study
- 7:30 p.m. Ainsworth Choir

Thursday, April 14

- 12:30 p.m. Young at Heart
- 5:30 p.m. SPR Com Mtg/Conf Rm
- 5:30 p.m. Evangelism Com Mtg/Mustard Seed Class

Saturday, April 16

- Celebration Day at Methodist Home
- 10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Mulberry Street UMC Staff

M. Creede Hinshaw, Senior Pastor
 Jimmy Towson, Associate Pastor
 Bishop C. W. Hancock, Bishop in Residence
 Dr. William H. Hurdle, Senior Pastor Emeritus
 Bruce Bishop, Church Administrator
 Camille Bishop, Music Director/Organist
 Jessica Tripp, Director of Children's & Family Ministry
 Beth Smith, Church Hostess
 Debbie Towson, Director, Macon Outreach
 Sara Colvin, Financial Secretary
 Linda Parker, Administrative Secretary
 Doris Andrews, Church Cook/Custodian
 Arnold Freeman, Custodian
 John Matthews, Custodian

UMW Retreat
Saturday, April 23 - 9:30 - 3:00
 Dauset Trails Nature Center
 \$12:00 per person (lunch provided)
 Speaker: Meg McLeroy
 For more information,
 please call Julia Magda
 (747-4768).

Paula Motes Circle

The Paula Motes Circle will meet on
 Wednesday, April 13, 2005, at 4:00
 p.m. at the church. Please bring items
 for Macon Outreach, also toilet items
 for the children's home.

MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

Gifts received through March 29, 2005

Memorial Fund

*In memory of Eugenia Price by
 Mr. & Mrs. Alva S. Phillips*

Bus Fund

*In memory of Mary Lou Stanley by
 Mrs. Janet K. Collins*

*In memory of Mary Frances Walton
 by Mrs. William P. Simmons*

Missions

In memory of Sanford P. Darby, Jr., by Mr. J. B. Olliff

General Fund

*In honor of Leslie, Chris & Reiley Brown
 by Mr. & Mrs. Chester A. Lowe, Jr.*

Macon Outreach

In memory of H. F. Kirk by Mrs. Rita M. Heger



It is time to make reservations for High Falls (April 29th - May 1st), if you haven't already. Please make your reservations with the Georgia State Parks by calling 1-800-864-7275 and tell them you are with the Mulberry Scampers. Also, let me know (Jeff Golmitz - golmitz@cox.net or 788-6649) so I will have an idea of how many people we will have there and can warn the ranger. Plan on bringing weenies to burn Saturday night and a side dish to share. We will have our usual devotionals Friday and Saturday night.



Bus Fund
 We need: \$60,000
 So far we have: \$46,190

The Mission Statement of Mulberry Street United Methodist Church

We believe that God calls us to worship, prayer, love and fellowship so that we may share God's grace with others.